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1930 Taps to The Old Year—Reveille to The New Year 1931

"The year is closed—the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said;
The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains;
And now, with purpose full and clear,
I turn to meet another year."

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THIS SPOOFING BUSINESS!

FOR twenty years the camping movement has been going through the struggles of early childhood and adolescence. God-parents, nurses, near-by relatives and the Advocatus diabole, have admonished, admired, annexed and amused the child, while its parents have complacently stood by and experienced pleasure, pain, and perplexity. Psychologists, psycho-analysts, physicians, educators, commercialists and common meddlers have had a hand in its "bringing up". The time has now come when those who have fathered and mothered the movement should take a hand in putting a stop to this "spoofing" business. In other words, a challenge is now flung out to bona-fide directors and owners of boys' and girls' camps, to get together and prevent the movement from becoming the plaything of individuals and groups who are not directly related to or connected with organized camps.

Some 2000 men and women have invested their earnings in property and camp equipment, and hundreds of altruistic organizations have been made the custodians of considerable sums of money to be used in promoting the camping project. The one and only medium through which these directors can unitedly give expression is the Camp Directors' Association. It is not a perfect organization and, human like, it has made many mistakes, but its objectives and purposes are sound and it has accomplished much to keep the movement in the realm of education and to safeguard it from commercialism. National in scope and operating through eight territorial Sections, with officers and committees giving huge blocks of their time to volunteer service in protecting and promoting the movement, with a membership of nearly 700 and new members joining each month, the C. D. A. is now in a position to exert its strength and leadership as never before in its history. Let us measure up to our responsibility by casting aside petty differences, fault finding and gossiping, and like the pioneers of the movement, unitedly throw ourselves into the work of making the association a tremendous influence in the field of organized camping.

The time may not be far distant when a new grouping will be organized, a Council of Associated Camps or Federation of Camps, composed of group memberships and made up of representatives of all types of camps. In fact two committees are now at work upon such a project, the C. D. A. committee with Dr. L. B. Sharp, chairman, and the committee appointed by a group of people interested in camps who attended the White House Conference on Child Health, with Dr. E. K. Fretwell as chairman. If such a Council or Federation is organized it will not supplant or eliminate the need of the C. D. A. but on the other hand, tend to magnify the necessity of a professional organization such as the C. D. A. If business and the professions recognize the need of a national organization or central clearing house, surely the profession of Camp Directors cannot hope to make much progress without a similar organization. Read carefully Dr. Sprague's article on page 6, and Walter A. Stone's letter on page 12 of this issue.

The above paragraphs will give the members of the C. D. A. an idea of the way the "wind is blowing". Shall the "stay-at-home" vote cause the enactment of motions by a minority of members at the next national annual meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., March 5, 6, 7, 8, at the Hotel Mayflower, which may determine national policies contrary to the wish and desire of the majority? To prevent such a procedure, the presence of every member is needed at this important meeting. As a camp director you cannot afford to be indifferent to what is transpiring in the world of organized camping, therefore—
ON TO WASHINGTON.

NEW YEAR THOUGHTS GATHERED FROM MANY SOURCES

A THOUGHT FOR THE OPENING YEAR

LET us be glad of life because it gives us the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; let us be satisfied with our possessions, but not contented with ourselves until we have made the best of them; let us despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and fear nothing except cowardice; let us covet nothing that is our neighbor's except his kindness of heart, and gentleness of manners; let us think seldom of our enemies, often of our friends, and every day of God, our friend and helper.

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

NEW YEAR

A new moon up in a cold, cold sky,
As bright as a new, new pin,
And somewhere among the winds so high
A New Year waits to come in;
Come in, come in, you little New Year,
And take you a fireside seat—
It isn't the night for a lad so slight
To be far from the hearth and the heat.

Come in, come in, you little New Year,
And sit you down with friends,
While the Old Year goes on the wind that blows
And the oldest story ends.
Ends to begin once more with you
And the rise of a new spring's sun,
Tilth and seedtime and harvest through
Till another race be run.

They draw the Old Year bent and old,
And the New as a tiny boy,
And they leave the Old in the dark and the cold,
And they welcome the New with joy;
But come you in, you little New Year,
With the hopes that round you hang;
But—turn and stand for a wave of the hand
to the years from which you sprang!

—LUCIO.

A RESOLVE

I will study the language of gentlemen and refuse to use words that bite and tongues that crash.

I will practice patience at home lest my temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.

I will remember that my neighbors have troubles enough without unloading mine on them.

I will excuse others' faults and failures as often and fully as I expect others to be lenient with mine.

I will be a friend under trying tests and wear everywhere a goodwill face unchilled by aloofness.

I will love boys and girls so that age will not find me stiff and soured.

I will gladden my nature by smiling out loud on every fair occasion and by overlooking optimistically.

I will pray frequently, think good things, believe in men, and do a full day's work without fear or favor.

—From the SANTA FE MAGAZINE.

LEAVE-TAKING

No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time, and count upon what is left. It is the nativity of our common Adam. Of all sound of bells (bells the music highest bordering upon heaven), most solemn and touching is the peal which rings out the old year. I never heard it without a gathering-up of my mind to a concentration of all the images that have been diffused over the past twelve-month. All I have done or suffered, performed or neglected—in that regretted time. I begin to know its worth as when a person dies. It takes a personal color; nor was it a poetical flight of a contemporary, when he exclaimed: "I saw the skirts of the departing year." It is no more than what in sober sadness, every one of us seems to be conscious of in that awful leave-taking.

—CHARLES LAMB.

TO THE NEW YEAR

One song for thee, New Year,
One universal prayer;
Teach us—all other teachings far above—
To hide dark hate beneath the wings of love;
To slay all hatred, strife,
And live the larger life!
To bind the wounds that bleed;
To lift the fallen, lead the blind
As only love can lead—
To live for all mankind!

Teach us, New Year, to be
Free men among the free;
Our only master, Duty, with no God
Save one—our Maker—monarchs of the sod!
Teach us with all its might
Its darkness and its light,
Its heart-beat tremulous,
Its grief, its gloom,
Its beauty, and its bloom—
God made the world for us!

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

By PAUL M. PITMAN

- I Thou shalt love thy child with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, but wisely, with all thy mind.
- II Thou shalt think of thy child, not as something belonging to thee, but as a person.
- III Thou shalt regard his respect and love, not as something to be demanded, but something worth earning.
- IV Every time thou art out of patience with thy child's immaturity and blundering, thou shalt call to mind some of the childish adventures and mistakes which attended thine own coming of age.
- V Remember that it is thy child's privilege to make a hero out of thee, and take thou thought to be a proper one.
- VI Remember also that thy example is more eloquent than thy fault-finding and moralizing.
- VII Thou shalt strive to be a sign-post on the highway of life rather than a rut out of which the wheel cannot turn.
- VIII Thou shalt teach thy child to stand on his own feet and fight his own battles.
- IX Thou shalt help thy child to see beauty, to practice kindness, to love truth, and to live in friendship.
- X Thou shalt make of the place wherein thou dwellest a real home—a haven of happiness for thyself, for thy children, for thy friends and for thy children's friends.

*Dedicated to all who accept parenthood as a welcome responsibility
and a high privilege*

A GREATER CAMPING FEDERATION

NOTE: The following report was prepared by Dr. J. P. Sprague, President of the C. D. A., in consultation with Dr. L. B. Sharp, Chairman of the C. D. A. Committee on a Greater Camping Federation. Members of the C. D. A. are urged to read the report and also to attend the annual meeting of the C. D. A. to be held in Washington, D. C., March 5, 6, 7, 8, at the Hotel Mayflower, when further consideration will be given to the subject of the Federation and its relation to the C. D. A.

The need of a greater camping federation has long been felt by many of those directors actively engaged in the work of the Camp Directors Association. This feeling took expression at practically the same time during the fall and winter of 1929 and 1930 by various officers and members of the Association in letters written to the president in response to a request for consideration of a new constitution and by-laws.

In response to the same communication came word from the New York Section that they were considering the need of a Greater Federation and were preparing resolutions to be presented at the annual meeting of the association to be held in Chicago, February 28-March 1, 1931. The desirability of having a federation was thoroughly discussed at the New York Section meeting. A committee was appointed consisting of Ralph C. Hill, Chairman; A. E. Hamilton, and Fay Welsh to draw up and submit such resolutions. The report of the committee with resolutions adopted follows:

As a result of the stimulating talks given by Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Dr. Eugene Lehman, Mr. Kepler and Mr. Ben Solomon at the last meeting of the Men's Group of the New York Section of the Camp Directors Association, the following motion was made and passed unanimously:

"That a committee of three be appointed to study the suggestions made, and any others that might be submitted by members, and report to the Board of Directors of the New York Section in the hope that such suggestions as were most important be presented to the National Meeting."

When the committee considered all the suggestions made by the speakers they found that one question which had been raised was fundamental to all the others, that no constructive steps could be intelligently taken along other lines until the Camp Directors Association should formulate a definitive statement as to where it stands with relation to the camping movement as a whole, determine whether it wishes to try to represent it, or to represent a part of it and, if so, which part and how.

It will help to clarify this situation if we briefly survey the facts of the case.

1. The Camp Directors Association, as at present constituted, is an important but a relatively small organized factor in the camping movement as a whole. It is representative essentially of private camps. Less than 7% of its membership represents those public or philanthropic and semi-philanthropic organizations that make up the great body of this new movement in education. While there are no accurate statistics available, those figures which we have indicate that the Camp Directors Association represents contact with about 30,000 only of the approximately 2,000,000 children who went to camp last summer, and somewhat less than 2% of the camp directors of the country.

2. There exists no association concerned with the common interests of the great mass of educational and recreational camps in this country, which number about 24,000 and are conducted by such diverse agencies as states, municipalities, philanthropic societies, semi-public associations and private interests.

3. The camping movement as a living, moving whole, is fast approaching the day when it will have to form its own guiding board or council. Already the signs are apparent of this need, and certain steps are being taken to satisfy this need. It may not be possible for the C. D. A. to capture the position of leadership in this next big step, a position which it should have by right of its initial and pioneer efforts in the field. But it can and should so orient itself to the movement as to insure its becoming a powerful factor therein, which at present it is not.

The C. D. A. should face this issue squarely, and decide whether or not it will take an active, if not a leading part in the crystallization of the new organization which is surely going to rise to effectively represent camping as a *whole*.

The following Resolution was drawn up by the committee for presentation to the New York Section, for its vote as to whether or not this Resolution be sent by the New York Section to the Camp Directors Association's Convention in Chicago:

RESOLUTION

1. Since there is evidently a strong movement toward the formation of a representative national body to act as a clearing house for the camping movement as a whole:—and
2. Since the C. D. A. represents a certain phase of this movement;
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the C. D. A. take active steps toward helping promote such a body and become a part thereof commensurate with that division of the movement as a whole which it represents:—and
4. That to this end, the National Convention appoint a Committee, (a) to get all pertinent facts available, (b) to formulate plans for launching a National Association, (c) to carry these plans through so far as is practicable, and (d) to report by April 10, 1931, whatever measure of success or failure it has met.

The purpose in forming such a large federation of Camping agencies would be to more effectively represent the needs of camps in contact with legislative and governmental agencies, and to promote more effective research. Thus it would be possible for the C. D. A. to focus more sharply on the specific problems of the private camp director. No material change in the C. D. A., as it is at present constituted, will be necessitated by the adoption of the above Resolution.

The whole question of a Greater Federation was presented to the Camp Directors Association during its annual meeting in Chicago. The relation that the formation of this federation might have with the Camping Committee of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection was

recognized and the following motion composed of four distinct parts was adopted:

It is moved that

1. This conference go on record endorsing the work of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, and offering co-operation and assistance, and suitable resolutions be forwarded to Secretary Wilbur.
2. Appoint a committee to co-operate with Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Organizations outside of the Schools, of the White House Conference and giving this committee power to act for the Camp Directors Association.
3. The C. D. A. take immediate steps to form a national camping Federation (or some more suitable name) representing all camping interests, and that a committee be appointed to perfect such an organization and that the committee work in close co-operation with the White House Conference.
4. When the National Camping Federation (or some more suitable name) is perfected the C. D. A. re-organize as an organization of private camps and that a committee be appointed and take immediate steps to perfect this re-organization.

As directed by paragraph three (3) of this motion, the foregoing committee on a Greater Camping Federation was appointed by the executive committee on March 31, 1930:

Dr. L. B. Sharp, Chairman
 Mr. H. C. Beckman
 Miss Agathe Deming
 Dr. F. H. Ewerhardt
 Mr. Louis Fleisher
 Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell
 Mr. Frederick Guggenheimer
 Mr. Charles Hendry
 Mr. Ralph Hill
 Miss Sara G. Holiday
 Miss Edith Kempthorne
 Miss Hazel Allen
 Mr. L. L. McDonald
 Dr. W. J. Monilaw
 Miss Louise Price
 Mr. Robert Snaddon
 Mr. Herbert Twining
 Mr. W. H. Wones

Ex-officio members:

Dr. J. P. Sprague, President, C. D. A.
Miss Laura I. Mattoon,
Secretary-Treasurer, C. D. A.

Immediately following Dr. Sharp's appointment as chairman of this committee, he telephoned from Chicago to James E. West in New York who had recently been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Youth Outside of Home and School of the White House Conference, and requested that his committee on camping, when formed, consider the question of a greater federation. This conversation immediately established a definite connection between Dr. Sharp's committee and the White House Conference. As soon as the camping committee was appointed, Dr. Sharp communicated with its chairman, Dr. E. K. Fretwell, and placed before him the plans for the greater federation as outlined by the Camp Directors Association.

When Dr. Sharp was in New York about the first of July, he presented the whole matter to Dr. Fretwell and to Dr. H. W. Hurt, secretary to Mr. West and his committee. There was every evidence of co-operation and it was then felt that the camping committee would do all it could to bring about the Greater Federation of Camping interests.

Several situations affected the work of this committee. In the first place the size of the committee made it difficult to bring all concerned together, and the work necessarily fell upon a few of those most closely in touch with the situation. In the second place, the camping committee of the White House Conference was delayed and it was late in the spring when the members of this committee were announced, and not until fall that the members of the committee were called together.

In the third place, it was equally impossible to get together in the spring and summer the members of the Camp Directors Association Committee.

Laura I. Mattoon, Dr. J. P. Sprague and others on the committee knew of this work and felt as did Mr. Sharp, that the logical way to bring about a Greater Camping Federation was through the Camping Committee of the White House Conference which

was given full information in regard to the action and desires of the Camp Directors Association. The progress of the work done by the chairman and a few members of the committee was not reported to all members of the committee and some of its members felt that nothing was really being accomplished. It is undoubtedly true that more information should have been forwarded to members of the committee as well as to the presidents and secretaries of the sections.

The meeting of the board of the Camp Directors Association held on November 14 in New York City at which Dr. J. P. Sprague, President of the C. D. A., Miss Laura I. Mattoon, Secretary-Treasurer of the C. D. A., Ralph Hill, President of the New York Section, Walter C. Crouch, President of the Pennsylvania Section, and R. S. Webster, President of the New England Section, were present, considered the matter of the Camping Federation and recommended that Dr. Sprague and Miss Mattoon, since it was impossible for Dr. Sharp to be present, present this matter more fully to the Camping Committee of the White House Conference and co-operate with them in furthering the organization of such a federation.

At a noon luncheon and afternoon session of the Camping Committee of the White House Conference held in New York on Saturday, November 15, the following five members of the C. D. A. Federation Committee were present: Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Chairman of the Camping Committee; Dr. John P. Sprague, President of the C. D. A.; Miss Laura I. Mattoon, Secretary-Treasurer of the C. D. A.; Mr. L. L. McDonald, Boy Scouts of America; Miss Hazel Allen, Y. W. C. A.

The need of a federation was presented. This committee at previous sessions had formulated the following as one of its principal recommendations:

To the end that the best methods of meeting problems may be found and adequate studies of camping methods and outcomes be furthered, and public educational campaigns be conducted and adequate personnel controls be maintained, we recommend to the national leaders of camping that a truly inclusive and repre-

sentative national camping association be organized, with national offices under superior leadership, to effect these and related and implied objectives.

Since the function of the Camping Committee was recommended only it adjourned as such and met as a committee on a Greater Federation. This new Federation Committee was tentative and functioned simply for the purpose of bringing the federation matter before a greater committee in Washington during the White House Conference. The members of this tentative committee were:

E. K. Fretwell, Chairman, Teacher's College, Columbia University

H. W. Hurt, Research Secretary, Boy Scouts of America

L. H. Wier, Playground Recreation Association of America

Jay B. Nash, Professor of Physical Education, New York University

C. J. Atkinson, Director of Education, Boys' Club Federation of America

Mr. Berg, Boy Scouts of America

Laura I. Mattoon, Secretary-Treasurer of the C. D. A.

L. L. McDonald, Boy Scouts of America

E. M. Rabneold, State Senator and Attorney

Albert W. Whitney, Research Division, National Bureau of Casualty Insurance Underwriters

J. P. Sprague, President of the Camp Directors Association

Miss Hazel Allen, Y. W. C. A.

In accordance with plans outlined this committee called a camp luncheon of all organizations interested in camping in the North Room of the Mayflower Hotel on November 21, 1930. This meeting was attended by forty-seven members, the names of most of whom follow:

Gertrude L. Warren, 4-H-Clubs, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Florence Hughes, Camp Fire Girls, 41 Union Square, New York City

Mrs. J. Noel Macy, Westchester Co. Recreation Commission, White Plains, N. Y.

Miss Madeline Foreman, President Sunset Camp Service League, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Ernest P. Roberts, Brooklyn Federation of Churches, 285 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn

James E. West, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York City

George Coffing Warner, 27 William St., New York City

Mrs. Vivian A. Scott, 3001 24th St., N. E., Washington, D. C., till 8/1/31

H. W. Hurt, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York City

C. J. Atkinson, Boys' Club Federation, 630 Graybar Bldg., New York City

W. Douglas Halsted, Boys' Club of New York, 161 Avenue A, New York City

Charles W. Baibridge, Germantown Boys' Club, 25 W. Penn St., Philadelphia

Isadore Zarakov, Director, Camp Zakelo, Hotel Commander, Cambridge, Mass.

Herman J. Norton, Director, Health Education Public Schools, Rochester, N. Y.

Lee F. Hanmer, Recreation Dept., Russell Sage Foundation, 130 E. 22nd St., New York City

F. C. Mills, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York City

Florence W. Marshall, 127 E. 22nd St., New York City—Girl Scouts

Mrs. William H. Hoffman, Barrington, R. I.—Girl Scouts

Mrs. F. H. Brooke, Nat'l Field Chairman—G. S. Organizer, 1757 K St., Washington, D. C.

Miss Emman Gunther, Girl Scouts, 670 Lexington Ave., New York City

Mrs. Jane Deeter Rippin, 14 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, N. Y.

Frances L. Young, Girl Scouts, 670 Lexington Ave., N. Y. C.

Ruth Reed, Private Camp, 1001 West Ave., Richmond, Va.

Dr. Marie M. Ready, Asst. Spec. in Recreation, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Edith M. Gates, National Board, Y. W. C. A., 600 Lexington Ave., New York City

Margaret Bell, M.D., Director Physical Education (Women), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Elizabeth Halsey, Head, Dept. Physical Education for Women, State University, Iowa City, Iowa

Dr. Q. W. Whiteny, National Safety Council, 1 Park Ave., New York City

Arthur N. Cotton, National Council Y. M. C. A., 347 Madison Ave., New York City

Dr. J. P. Sprague, 811 Central St., Evanston, Ill.

Laura I. Mattoon, Sec'y, C. D. A., Wolfeforo, N. H.

Dick Victor, 700 Woodbourne Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

James W. Wheeler, Godman Guild Ass'n, Columbus, Ohio

M. Florence Dunlap, Y. W. C. A., 17th and K Sts., Washington, D. C.

Rose Rudolph, 8052 S. Loflin St., Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. B. I. Anatham, Camp Chairman Region III Girl Scouts, 2101 Connecticut Ave., Washington

Alice B. Metzner, Director Special Education,
Board of Education, 153 E. Elizabeth St., Detroit
Mrs. Louis H. Burlingham, 4622 Maryland Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.—Girl Scouts
Dorothy E. Greene, Girl Scouts and C. D. A.,
1825 M St., N.W., Washington
F. W. Luehring, C. D. A. Swimming Conference,
Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
Mrs. C. C. Carstens, 212 Gardens Apt., Forest
Hills, New York
Miss Mildred Morse, 1822 Spruce St., Philadel-
phia, Pa.
C. Walter Seamans, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park
Ave., New York City

Clear statements of the needs and pur-
poses of a Greater Camping Federation were
set forth by H. W. Hurt in the absence of
Dr. Fretwell, Chairman of the Camping
Committee. The whole situation was dis-
cussed by many of those present. Those
talking especially on the subject were James
E. West, C. J. Atkinson, Mrs. J. D. Rippin,
National Director of Girl Scouts; J. P.
Sprague, President of the Camp Directors
Association; Miss Laura I. Mattoon, Secre-
tary-Treasurer of the Camp Directors Asso-
ciation, and Arthur M. Cotton, National
Council of the Y. M. C. A.

The unanimous feeling of this meeting
was that definite steps should be taken to
bring all of the organizations, with camping
interests, together in a great federation.
Upon motion Dr. Fretwell was chosen chair-
man of a committee which should be called
together in New York in the near future.
He was given the work of selecting his own

committee with the suggestion that it should
include representatives from all of the larger
organizations conducting camps. It was
further suggested, at this meeting, that a
second meeting of the committee, which Dr.
Fretwell would select, be held in conjunc-
tion with the meeting of the C. D. A. on
March 5-8 in Washington, D. C. It was to
be regretted that Dr. Fretwell was unable
to attend the Washington meeting. Dr.
Hurt, who has acted as secretary of this com-
mittee as well as the thirteen other commit-
tees under Youth Outside of Home and
School of the White House Conference, has
reported in full the action of this meeting
to Dr. Fretwell. Further report of the meet-
ing was also made by Dr. J. P. Sprague in
an hour and one-half interview with Dr.
Fretwell on Monday, November 24.

It would now seem that the preliminary
work of the C. D. A. relative to the forma-
tion of a Greater Federation has been com-
pleted and that any further action on the
part of the C. D. A. should consist in giv-
ing Dr. Fretwell's committee and the Fed-
eration when formed its support and co-
operation.

Dr. Fretwell has called his Federation
Committee together, appointed sub-commit-
tees for detail work, and provided for the
calling of additional meetings, reports of
which will be found in a later issue of the
CAMPING MAGAZINE.

STAMPEDING THE FUTURE

By R. S. WEBSTER

President, New England Section of the C. D. A.

Centuries ago, seers told men that the
Future is not knowable. And Common Sense
will tell you that to-day! But it is an every-
day occurrence of the time to see groups of
men manipulate the present in such a way
as to predicate future events. The end de-
sired need not be selfish; but it usually is!
Call this manipulation, preparedness, leader-
ship, or just plain "bulling the market";
they are all identical with stampeding the
future.

Such is the dilemma that confronts the
Camp Directors Association just now:
Either an orderly examination of the camp-
ing profession in terms of its present trend,

with the purpose of establishing probable
future educational demands; or, a manipula-
tion of the present situation so as to bring
on a development of minority predictions
ending in a monopoly of camping seers.

There is a wealth of real work on hand,
enough to warrant devoting our entire pro-
fessional resources to the solution of present-
day problems, leaving the future to develop
as it may. Deal wisely with the present, and
the future of camping will cause us no undue
anxiety!

For some time, C. D. A. members have
held section activities the most important
stimulus to camping. The formation of

friendships, and the informal discussions, dealing with practical and theoretical phases of camping, have been and will continue to be the impelling influence that brings us together. More than anything else, these meetings have inspired older directors to greater ideas; and they have in like manner encouraged younger directors in their undeveloped careers. The obvious way to meet this fact is to build up the sections. Decentralize the national body, divert revenue to the section treasury, and turn the section loose on its own local work!

The consummation of this point of view came at the November 14th meeting of the New York Section which had met for the express purpose of establishing a local, independent association that would more readily attune itself to the camping affairs of its membership. Fortunately, the New York membership graciously set aside the proposal, and instead went on record as favoring the policy of decentralization and increasing the power of the Sections. Pursuant to this impetus, and by authority of the National Executive Committee which met after the New York meeting, each Section is now busy with its suggestions for revising the national constitution. Such changes as will ensue must evolve out of a duly expressed majority vote as prescribed by the amendment provisions of the C. D. A. constitution.

This demand for increasing the scope of Section activities comes out of real, existing circumstances. There is nothing flighty, or visionary about it; and it is sanctioned by universal recognition. The profession is ready for the contemplated changes, and this attitude of acquiescence adds considerable weight to the movement underway. Had it been proposed too early, say three years previous, it would undoubtedly have met with chilling indifference.

With this in mind, let us examine the proposed Federation, or National Council of the camping interests, which was the subject of a recent meeting in New York attended by various educators and camp directors. If I am correctly informed, the camp directors attending this meeting were outnumbered by representatives of other educational fields. As such, this delegation was

not essentially camp minded although it was meeting to consider a national movement to affect the camping movement. The project started essentially to form a federation of camping interests, to bring together all the institutional, organizational, and private camp directors in some kind of a loosely formed national council. Yet the first meeting found the camp directors there in a decided minority!

This inadequate representation of camp directors at the initial meeting should not be construed in the light of deplorable indifference to a national movement to better educational ideals. Rather, let us interpret it that the proposed federation of allied camping interests lacks the impetus of present day necessity. No end of declaiming can persuade the camp directors to support a proposal until it is in universal demand. For the present, the problem of making the C. D. A. more efficient and more representative of the camping interests seems more pertinent to the members of the profession. Here is a real, live project for you!

If a federation of camping interests comes before us, let us put its representation on the basis of delegates from each camping unit. Each unit of the camping profession, of which the C. D. A. is merely one, should send regularly elected delegates to the national council meeting once or twice every year. There is no point in establishing individual representation in such a federation since it would duplicate the present Camp Directors Association which is open, in its membership, to any directors operating approved camps, whether their camps be institutional, municipal, private, or otherwise.

Certainly there is no real demand just now for another professional camping association to duplicate the C. D. A. And if there is the remote possibility of a federation of all camping interests, the proper medium through which it may successfully operate, will be delegates from each unit of the camping profession.

Any organized project to the contrary which is unrelated to present day demands of the camping movement, is nothing more, —and nothing less—than stampeding the future.

DO WE NEED A C. D. A.?

NOTE: The following letter is printed with a desire of stimulating the members of the Association to express their opinions regarding the subject. Preliminary to the annual meeting of the C. D. A. to be held in Washington, D. C., March 5, 6, 7, 8, at the Hotel Mayflower, CAMPING will welcome the pros and cons of the question. Letter should reach the editorial office, 14 Avon Road, Watertown, Mass., before the 26th of the month.

Doctor J. P. Sprague, Pres.,
Camp Directors' Association,
Evanston, Illinois.

Dear Doctor Sprague:

An earlier issue of the CAMPING MAGAZINE carries a report of the Camp Directors' Conference at Chicago. There is one phase of that report that I am particularly interested in and that is the work of the committee on the advisability of forming a federation of camping agencies. I realize that Doctor Sharpe is the Chairman, but I am writing to you as President of the Camp Directors' Association before I write to Doctor Sharpe. I note also that it seems to be the consensus of opinion that when the Camp Directors' Association got a federation of camping agencies organized that the C. D. A. would then go out into the field and become an Association of Directors of private camps. I am writing you from several points of view in reference to this action which I believe to be wrong.

First, I have been associated with Boys' Camps for seventeen years, both as an organization camp director and a private camp director during the last two years. Although this private camp that I am now connected with may be a little different from private camps, in that it is operated by the Y. M. C. A. Graduate School as a demonstration camp for the training of professional workers with boys, it is in every sense a private camp and not an organization camp.

In the second place, I am much more concerned with the training and the development of the skills and the techniques of camp

directors and counselors than I am in who the camps are run by—organizations or individuals.

Now to my point as to why I am opposed to this possible future of the C. D. A. It seems to me that even though we do have a federation of camping agencies that we still need an organization for professional camp workers and the C. D. A. should be just that and should include not only workers in private camps, but workers in all types of camps. A professional Association of Camp Directors should crosscut organization and institutional lines. Let us look at it from another field for a moment. The International Boys' Work Council is a federation of boys' work agencies but it needs very much a professional association of workers with boys as a part of it. The Religious Education Association is a federation of religious education agencies, but it is now developing professional groups within it, of which Boys' Workers is one, and Directors of Religious Education is another. My point is that we need very much a professional association of camp directors that has no relation to organization and institutions or private camps, and it seems to me the Camp Directors' Association could be just that.

If you agree at all with this point of view I would be very glad to go into it in detail with you and present further arguments and other analogies from other fields, but it seems to me a much wiser course than the one suggested. Would it be worthwhile to discuss this in columns of the camping magazine? I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. H. W. Gibson, the editor, with that thought in mind.

Very sincerely,

WALTER L. STONE,

*Professor of Boys' Work and
Director of Scy Camp.*

THE CHILD'S BILL OF RIGHTS

As defined by the Findings of the Recent White House Conference

Every American child has the right to the following services in its development and protection:

1. Every child is entitled to be understood, and all dealings with him should be based on this.
2. Every prospective mother should have suitable information, medical supervision during the prenatal period, competent care at confinement. Every mother should have postnatal medical supervision for herself and child.
3. Every child should receive periodical health examinations before and during the school period including adolescence, by the family physician, or the school or other public physician, and such examination by specialists and such hospital care as its special needs may require.
4. Every child should have regular dental examination and care.
5. Every child should have instruction in the schools in health and in safety from accidents, and every teacher should be trained in health programs.
6. Every child should be protected from communicable diseases to which he might be exposed at home, in school or at play, and protected from impure milk and food.
7. Every child should have proper sleeping rooms, diet, hours of sleep and play, and parents should receive expert information as to the needs of children of various ages as to these questions.
8. Every child should attend a school which has proper seating, lighting, ventilation and sanitation. For younger children, kindergartens and nursing schools should be provided to supplement home care.
9. The school should be so organized as to discover and develop the special abilities of each child, and should assist in vocational guidance, for children, like men, succeed by the use of their strongest qualities and special interests.
10. Every child should have some form of religious, moral and character training.
11. Every child has a right to a place to play, with adequate facilities therefor.
12. With the expanding domain of the community's responsibilities for children, there should be proper provision for, and supervision of, recreation and entertainment.
13. Every child should be protected against labor that stunts growth—either physical or mental,—that limits education, that deprives children of the right of comradeship, of joy and play.
14. Every child who is blind, deaf, crippled or otherwise physically handicapped, should be given expert study and corrective treatment where there is the possibility of relief, and appropriate development or training. Children with subnormal or abnormal mental conditions should receive adequate study, protection, training and care.
15. Every waif and orphan in need must be supported.
16. Every child is entitled to the feeling that he has a home. The extension of the services in the community should supplement and not supplant parents.
17. Children who habitually fail to meet normal standards of human behavior should be provided special care under the guidance of the school, the community health or welfare center, or other agency for continued supervision, or, if necessary, control.
18. Where the child does not have these services, due to inadequate income of the family, then such services must be provided to him by the community.
19. The rural child should have as satisfactory schooling, health protection and welfare facilities as the city child.
20. In order that these minimum protections of the health and welfare of children may be everywhere available, there should be a district, county or community organization for health education and welfare, with full-time officials, co-ordinating with a state-wide program which will be responsive to a nation-wide service of general information, statistics and scientific research. This should include:
 - (a) Trained full-time public health officials with public health nurses, sanitary inspection and laboratory workers.
 - (b) Available hospital beds.
 - (c) Full-time public welfare services for the relief and aid of children in special need from poverty or misfortune, for the protection of children from abuse, neglect, exploitation or moral hazard.
 - (d) The development of voluntary organization of children for purposes of instruction, health and recreation through private effort and benefaction. When possible, existing agencies should be co-ordinated.

It is the purpose of this Conference to establish the standards by which the efficiency of such services may be tested in the community and to develop the creation of such services. These standards are defined in many particulars in the Reports of the Committees of the Conference. The Conference recommends that the Continuing Committee, to be appointed by the President from the Conference, shall study points upon which agreement has not been reached, shall develop further standards, shall encourage the establishment of services for children, and report to the members of the Conference through the President.

SOME DON'TS FOR YOUNG DIRECTORS

By L. L. RICE, Ph.D., Director, Camp Nakanawa, Maryland, Tennessee

1. Don't "Run" Your Camp.

The spirit of autocracy should never give color to camp life. The so-called director who takes pride in letting it be known that he "runs" his camp is "de facto" dictator, not director; boss, not guide; coercer, not co-operator. Since attitude is all-significant, such a director inevitably evokes a spirit of camper-counselor antagonism that may smolder for a season but sooner or later will burst forth into a consuming flame of denunciation and non-co-operation. Humility and modesty pay large dividends. Ultimately the soloist becomes humanly bankrupt. Mark it well—the director who persists in "running" his camp some fine day in the not dim future will be run off the field of action.

2. Don't Mechanize Your Policy.

A camp isn't a machine to be properly geared, oiled and set going; nor is it an organism that for the sake of "advancing" the cause of social science should be subjected to a sort of psychical vivi-section process. Campers are personalities, not pawns in a game of pedagogy. Counselors should be employed with a view to their wise and sympathetic co-operation with campers, not for the purpose of making ingenious charts, devising unique diagrams, keeping intricate personal-reaction tabulations, etc., etc. Programs should be designed to afford campers the freedom and happiness they deserve, not to prove or disprove some social-pedagogical theory subtly worked out by an academic doctrinaire. Of course, system is never to be discounted. Sensible records always should be kept, and suitable reports periodically mailed to patrons. The director who ranges far beyond this bids fair to evolve into a camp mechanist.

3. Don't Flirt With Novelties.

While summer camps have abundantly justified their right to exist, the camp movement is not hoary with antiquity hence stereotyped, deady conservative. Like every other young institution the summer camp of today is peculiarly subject to experiment and innovation. He is a wise director who weighs every new idea calmly before giving it a trial. No two camps can ever be "just alike," so what "works" admirably in one may not at all fit into the scheme of another.

But how prove this? By experiment? Not always. The director, ably assisted by a truly co-operating counselor-staff, ought to be able to command enough collective imagination to determine with reasonable plausibility whether a proposed idea is workable. If the decision is adverse, to try it at a venture would be flirting with a novelty—and the result might be costly to policy or reputation. On the other hand, to give the door to all novelties and continue in the old rut is sheer suicide. Whatever other philosophy an up-and-coming director may eschew, assuredly he should be a pragmatist. If an idea "works" successfully, why discard it for one unsafe because unproved merely to be considered up-to-date?

4. Don't Pose.

Bubbles are easily punctured, and posing is but blowing a gigantic bubble. Were we living in an age of gilded romance; were campers as artificial as wax-flowers, you might pose and gloriously "get away with it". But with youth unconventional, frank and rather sophisticated, to forget yourself and play the bombastic role of poseur is to invite inescapable disaster. Simplicity suffers no discounts. Naturalness can not easily be thrown on the defensive. After all, why should a director EVER find occasion for posing? Mere physical ownership of camp property is but an incident. Personality is always sacred. Age "per se" carries no in-violate sanctions, and any representative counselor staff and camper-body possesses such gray matter and potential, if not actual, character as to sober instantly—provided he has lucid thought intervals—any opinionated director who may be tempted to strike a flatulent attitude.

5. Don't Muzzle Your Counselors.

The "know-it-all" director is, to use plain terms, just a fool. Why engage counselors if they are not expected to think? A staff with wooden-heads would be a menace. Why incur lavish expense unless counselors are assumedly interested enough in personal and official camp problems to warrant a frowning of brows? The smart director always advises "thinking caps" for his staff. Ideas are as much the outcome of spontaneous moods as of close-knitted cerebration. Put

confidence in your counselors. Encourage them to think, to devise better means of attaining coveted ends. Convince them that they equally with you are vital factors in the camp scheme. Test some of their sanest suggestions as concrete proof of confidence. Avoid ever the faintest taint of sarcasm in your criticisms. Refrain from laughing at occasional inexpedient proffers, and never, never "high-hat" the dullest member of your staff.

6. Don't Lose Your Poise.

Lost poise can not be advertised and returned to its owner by payment of any forfeit—save possibly that of public apology—and that way lies humiliation. Poise is a jewel; it is money in the bank and the consciousness of security and power it yields. Your path at times will be thorny or rough with difficulties. If so, accept the conditions as a challenge to your self-hood and staunchly refuse to be bowled off your feet. One may get livid with fury and yet bridle the tongue. One can feel the sting of insult or injustice, long to hit back savagely, and still by means of self-control make a dignified defense. Your campers and counselors being human generously will cast the mantle of charity over many of your frailties, but since you are self-appointed leader, inspirer, director, they will not readily forgive tangential wrath, indulgent lapses into the splenetic realm. Remember the Scripture: "He that ruleth his spirit is mightier than he that taketh a city."

A CASE OF JUSTICE

A. E. HAMILTON

NOTE: The following report is printed at the request of Mr. Hamilton. Inasmuch as the C. D. A. has a Grievance Committee, it would seem advisable in the future to refer matters involving legal advice to that committee. Another plan would be to create a fund from which the committee could draw when a case of justice is involved, thus dealing with similar situations in a businesslike manner.

Last spring I was asked, as an editor, to become a conciliator between two camp directors. One of them, who had given up his camp, had contracted to act as associate director for the other. Then something happened which caused the latter to declare the contract void. It involved accusations against the first party on the part of a third and a fourth. Said first party asked for my help,

and the second followed suit, hoping that matters might be amicably settled, with justice where justice was due.

I spent some time on the case. Then I found that money, more than I could spare, was called for also. I asked for it, among members of the C. D. A., since the case involved camp and camps of its membership. I received \$240.00 from some of the members, an average of five dollars apiece from those who responded. I travelled, paid for letters, stenographer and legal advice. I spent about \$290.00, assuming the difference myself, and giving my time gratis to the parties involved.

Certain members of the C. D. A. have inquired as to what I did with the money contributed. Some of these inquirers made no contribution, others did. The C. D. A. is entitled to know that the money was spent in what I regarded as a case of justice involving some of its members, and I hereby so state. As to the details of the case, I shall not, however, speak.

I asked the New York Section of the C. D. A. to appoint a consultant, representing said section, whom I should acquaint with the details. At a business meeting the section appointed its president, Mr. Ralph Hill, so to act. I kept in touch with Mr. Hill, making him preliminary reports. Since then I have turned over my files, containing complete details of the actual case; but not including tangent discoveries not immediately relevant thereto.

If Mr. Hill thinks it wise to carry the case further, or to lay it before the grievance committee of the C. D. A. for further action, he is entitled to do so, at his own discretion. Personally, I believe that it is wiser for the parties concerned, and for the camping movement as a whole, that this case be kept under advisement of those few who now know the details until and if it seems constructively advisable to open it again.

I wish here to express my regret that I have not been able to make a report before this, and to extend my thanks to such members as lent a hand in this emergency. If anyone is not satisfied with the only report which I shall make to the membership, and which I hereby do, I refer him or her to Mr. Ralph Hill, as spokesman for a section of the association.

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The Happiest of New Years to everybody!

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A CHEERY LETTER. "Enclosed is check for \$2.00 to cover subscription for The Camping Magazine for 2 years, from the date that my subscription expired. I enjoy the magazine very much and have received valuable information from it."

READ AND REFLECT upon the New Year Thoughts to be found on page 4. Poetry washes the cobwebs and dust from the brain. January is a good brain clearing time.

EPIGRAMS OF WISDOM make the article by Col. L. L. Rice of exceptional worth to old and new camp directors.

SECTIONS are discussing interesting programs this winter and the Training Conferences will be successful in proportion to the effort made by the members of the eight Sections to secure the attendance of Counselors. Read about the new Boat and Canoe School on page 22.

THE CUT on the cover page is used through the courtesy of Camp Chief Ouray, Denver, Colorado.

SMITH GIRLS ARE getting taller, heavier and healthier, says Dr. K. Francis Scott of the Department of Hygiene at the college. A recent survey made by the department showed the following averages at Smith:

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A SCHOOLGIRL'S ESSAY in a Mountain paper had the following statement: "When we go camping, we must keep the place neat, we must be careful to put out our fire. This is God's Country. Don't burn it up and make it look like Hell".

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NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

Pacific Coast.

The annual camp conference will be held March 26, 27, 28, 29, 1931, at Asilomar, California. Bernard S. Mason, Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University, author of "Camping and Education", the prize book published by the Red Book Magazine, and the director of a private camp, will be the main speaker. The conference will stress camping from the campers viewpoint. An effort will be made to secure a large attendance of counselors. Round table discussions will be featured, organized in small units according to specific interests.

The program committee consists of M. Van Rensselaer, Chairman; Paul Flagel, Assistant; Mrs. Lucia Searles, Co-Chairman; Miss Rosalind Cassidy, Ex-Officio.

Southern Appalachian Section.

The annual meeting of the section will be

held early in February in Knoxville, Tenn. C. Walter Johnson, Chairman of the Program Committee, has sent a letter to each member asking for an expression of opinion regarding the type of topics they desired to have included on the program. It is planned to have an opportunity to "talk it out", therefore it is proposed to have a series of forum discussions led by persons who are considered an authority upon the subject. Members are requested to read issues of THE CAMPING MAGAZINE, CAMP LIFE and the book, CAMPING AND CHARACTER. Fifteen suggested topics have been submitted for a vote of choice, including: "Artificial Awards and Insignia as an incentive for activity participation. Can we not find incentives and motivations for activity that have a sounder educational basis and a better effect on character?" "The Enrichment of the Spiritual Life of Campers"; "The part campers should have in program-making and policy making"; "The proposed 'National Federation of Camps'. What should be the status of the C. D. A. in this Federation?"; and kindred topics.

New England Section.

The New England Section will hold their next meeting on Saturday, January 24th, in Boston. The subject will be "The Education Method of Developing Appreciation of Music and Art among Campers." E. Ormond Loomis and Cooper Ballentine will open the discussion. Recommendations for the revision of the National Committee will be submitted for the consideration of the members.

Mid West Section.

The Mid West Section will hold their annual meeting in St. Louis, January 23, 24, 25. The general theme for discussion will be "The Relation of Camps and Education." Among the leaders who will conduct the discussions are Wilford Aiken, H. H. Twinning, Mrs. L. A. Bishop, Roy Sorenson, Dr. Wm. G. Vinal and A. F. Ewers. Special sessions will be planned for Counselors. The evening programs will be devoted to music, story telling and dramatics and moving pictures of camp life. Visits will be made to the Zoo and the Museum housing the Lindberg trophies. A report of this meeting will be given in the February number of CAMPING.

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Miss Helen L. Neuman has resigned from *Camp Wildwood*. From now on Miss Harriet Wolfe will own and direct the camp.

Excellent articles by Leslie W. Lyon and Dr. George E. Briggs, upon the subject of the relation of parents to camps, have been omitted from this number on account of space needed to present to our readers the statement of President J. P. Sprague regarding the Federation of Camps, the article by R. S. Webster and the letter of Walter A. Stone upon the same subject. They will appear in the February number of CAMPING.

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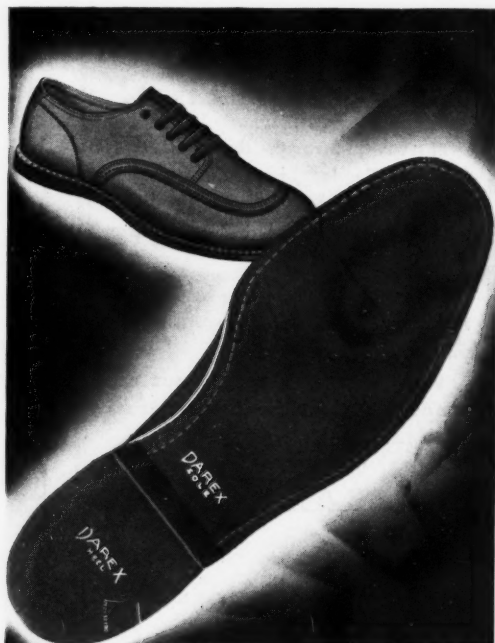


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